

HS teacher talks about her 'A' student

BY JANET KRIETEMEYER

Daily News Editor

Kay Orrell sat in her empty classroom at Arroyo Grande High School Wednesday morning, surrounded by adding machines and typewriters, and talked about Howell Henry Harris.

The business teacher did not have a class second period and the empty desks made the room look barren. It was almost uncomfortable sitting in a room usually filled with noise and hearing nothing.

The picture she painted of Hank, as his friends and teachers called him, was sharp contrast with the expressionless boy who appeared in court Monday.

"You think you know someone," said Orrell, "but then you realize you only know them in an isolated situation."

Orrell had nothing negative to say about the 17-year-old boy who was charged with the murder of Cal Poly Library Director Dr. Norman Alexander. She described him as "a nice young man who did well in school."

"He got all A's and A-pluses in my classes," she said. Hank took three classes from Orrell his last semester at Arroyo Grande High in fall 1977. Besides bookkeeping two classes and a business machines class, Hank was Orrell's student aide. He graded papers for her.

Hank, who was concentrating in business at Arroyo Grande, told Orrell he planned to go to college and major in accounting. He never mentioned where he wanted to go to college though, she added.

Orrell said she was not aware of any problems the boy might have had and she commented, who never had any trouble with him in class with either work or discipline. He seemed to be "well-adjusted."

"He was not what you would call outgoing," said Orrell, "but he got along well with his classmates and they seemed to

like him."

Although Orrell never met Hank's father, Howell, who is also charged with the fatal shooting, of Alexander, she had talked with Mary Harris, Hank's mother, at a school meeting.

"I only talked with her for about ten minutes," she explained. "It was a long time ago but she seemed like all the other mothers normal."

Hank left Arroyo Grande High in January 1978 after principal Douglas Hitchen received a letter from the Harriage saying Hank was enrolled in a private prep school in Switzerland. According to the letter, school was to start in ten days but Hitchen declined to say when the letter was dated.

The name of the school was the "American Prep School at the American College." The letter did not say what city in Switzerland the school was located, said Hitchen.

"I have never heard anything about the school in Switzerland and I do not know if he ever attended," said the principal.

Hitchen said he had not heard anything more about Hank until he was arrested for the shooting last week.

But as far as Orrell knows, Hank did not go to Switzerland. "He apparently did not meet the needed language requirements," she explained.

Orrell has seen Hank once since he left Arroyo Grande. He came back last Fall, she said, for a "visit." He told her he had "spent some time in Arizona."

Neither Hitchen or Orrell have been contacted by anyone about Hank and both expressed curiosity about the motive of the shooting.

"Do they have any ideas about why?" asked Hitchen.

As Orrell talked about Hank she seemed bewildered, but not overwhelmed, by the recent happenings concerning Hank.

"I don't know," she said, her hands folded across her chest and a reflective expression on her face. "he just didn't seem like the type to ever do anything like this."



HOWELL "HANK" HARRIS—From high school yearbook picture

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MORE THAN JUST MEMORIES—A wreath was placed near the information desk of the library this week in memory of the late Dr. Norman D. Alexander, Cal Poly library director who was shot and killed last week in

a campus parking lot. The inset is Alexander's office door, with a sign taped over the opening barring entrance until the investigation into the shooting is complete.

Tenants and rent control foes collide Council calls forum on housing

BY JOE STEIN

Daily Staff Writer

Supporters of rent control and advocates of free enterprise again clashed heads on Tuesday night in a meeting of San Luis Obispo's city council.

Causeing the debate was a 55-page document listing housing problems in San Luis Obispo and possible solutions. The city's staff approved the document, which is the Housing Element to the city's General Plan, last November. It wants the council to adopt it and then use it as gospel in curing San Luis Obispo's chronic housing shortage — for renters and prospective buyers alike.

Tuesday's hearing, called last week to identify and rectify any problems with the element, ended inconclusively after three hours of public testimony. Another meeting totally devoted to housing problems is slated for Feb. 15.

Among the 50 or more people at the meeting were two with totally opposite points of view.

Liz Fisher, organizer of the San Luis Obispo County Tenants Coalition, said affordable housing and governmental limits on rents go hand-in-hand. "You can't have one without the other," she said.

Increasing the supply of housing in San Luis Obispo, she says, only increases the demand. People in San Francisco and Los Angeles are so eager to move here they're willing to pay higher rents than county residents who want to move but can't, she said.

Russ Johnson, an embittered San Luis Obispo mobile home owner, calls rent control "unlabeled."

"I'm a firm believer in supply and demand," Johnson opposes the city planners, who want to regulate the city's growth. "This is the United States of America. We can go anywhere we want to. We cannot tell our brothers and sisters 'you can't come here.'"

Caught in the middle of the housing issue are the five members of the city council. They are pressured on both left and right to adopt the element or to revise the element to suit the wishes of those opposed to the city staff's way of thinking.

Comprising the rest of those in the controversy are those who want the supply of the

also want to accommodate builders who complain of rising development costs — the land itself, improving the land, city-imposed fees, environmental impact reports, materials and labor.

Said one resident: "You can't stop progress...to maintain our idyllic paradise."

Another resident at the meeting said, "Housing isn't speculation. Housing is a sure-fire gain in this town. What's causing our problems is outside money (from Los Angeles and San Francisco)."

Phil Humphrey, of Cal Coast Construction, said, "I can't build a house in San Luis Obispo for \$45,000. It's not possible. There's nothing we can do about the cost of the land." He said single lots in the city don't sell for less than \$35,000 apiece. "If we eliminate the profit, there's no incentive to build anything either."

He said banks won't loan to people for low-cost "no-frills" housing. "People who pay \$100,000 for a house don't want to live by people who pay \$50,000 for a house."

Finding the meeting on a sober note was a 60-year-old mobile home dweller, George Kellogg.

"We don't want subsidies. We don't want food tickets. We want to pay our own way. We need to be protected from a rapacious outfit, from these terrible rent increases."

New bus service

Bus service between San Luis Obispo and Morro Bay will begin Thursday, Feb. 1.

Four trips per day are scheduled for Monday through Friday, with all buses between the two cities routed to Costa College and the California Men's Colony. One-way fare will be 50 cents, with monthly commuter passes available for \$15.

Service hours will be from 6:40 a.m. to 6:19 p.m. on weekdays. The only weekend and holiday service provided will be between San Luis Obispo and the California Men's Colony at 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Fare for the weekend service will remain 25 cents.

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Courting disaster

A two-year-old court case is being revived by the San Luis Obispo deputy district attorney but the chances for a fair trial or correct verdict are slim.

A case lasting two years has obvious drawbacks and the verdict which will be eventually handed down could have been different if the case had been tried two years ago, while it was still fresh in everybody's mind.

It is one of the largest drug-smuggling cases in California. Fifteen defendants are accused of smuggling \$50 million worth of high-grade marijuana ashore near San Simeon in October, 1976.

The case was put off so long because the first trial was contested by the defendants. They charged sheriff's deputies with illegal investigation tactics. A visiting judge ruled in favor of the defendants and the case was dismissed. That ruling was later overturned and the case is now being retried.

If the two-year layover was not enough, the preliminary hearing is not scheduled until April 2. There is no telling when the case will reach the trial stage.

This is just another example of crowded courts and slow judicial process. It is no wonder that many defendants plead guilty rather than exercise their right to go to trial. Despite this assembly-line justice, the courts still cannot handle the annual case overload.

It has been estimated that up to 90 percent of all defendants charged with crimes before state and federal courts plead guilty rather than exercise their right to go to trial. Despite this assembly-line justice, the courts still cannot handle the annual case overload.

The inability to keep up with the case load produces many problems, as with the San Simeon drug-smuggling case.

It is a miscarriage of justice to make the 16 defendants wait over two years before they can go to court. During this time they could have been severely limited in the job market. Few people want to hire a person with a smuggling charge over his head.

The defendants were probably restricted in their movements, having to notify an official if they were planning to move, if that was allowed at all. The judicial system had to keep a close tab on the defendants so they would not think about skipping. This encroaches on their right to privacy.

Memories of witnesses and defendants will not be as sharp as they were two years ago. Many important facts, not recorded in previous testimony, may have already been forgotten.

There is also a better-than-average chance current testimony may contradict what had been previously brought up in the first trial. A decision must be made as to which testimony is more believable, leading to an argument between defense and prosecution.

Other witnesses or defendants may misremember facts, a very probable circumstance due the passage of time.

We are prone to forgetfulness. It is a human trait which we must endure because there will never be a "cure."

But letting this human error which could have been prevented interfere with the judicial process is unforgivable. The judicial actors involved will forever be questioning the verdict's validity of this two-year old case.

We hope this case serves as a reminder that prolonged court cases have a profound effect upon the lives of those involved.

The shah: "I ran"

The Shah of Iran is the man without a country. Hopefully his next country will not be the United States.

Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi left violence-torn Iran one week ago and many political observers in the United States believe the popular opposition to his regime will make it impossible for him to ever return.

While the bloodshed in Iran left hundreds of anti-shah forces dead, the unrest has proved disruptive to many countries around the globe. And when the shah arrives in the United States for his "extended vacation", as he is expected to, there will be more problems.

There are hundreds of Iranians in California and we wonder if they are going to sit still when their enemy lands his jet on United States soil. After the outbreak of violence in Beverly Hills earlier this month it doesn't seem likely.

A peaceful protest broke out in violence when angry Iranians surrounded the house of the Shah's sister. Car windows were broken, fires were set and people were hurt. A possible omen of things to come.

Inviting the Shah to the United States, for what is believed a permanent exile, will probably mean more violence by irate Iranians. It does not seem these visitors in this country will be satisfied with the Shah's leaving his country.

There will be hostility and possibly more bloodshed at the Palm Springs haven where the Shah has been offered refuge by an ex-LIA ambassador.

After President Carter talked of deporting any Iranians who engage in violent protest in United States turf it is hard to believe those words won't have to be put into action when the Shah arrives here.

Many people believe since it was a 1953 CIA coup that brought the shah in power that he is obliged to receive exile in the United States. We do not agree.

Americans do not owe the shah anything. If there is a violent outbreak against the shah here, and there probably will be, who knows how many Americans may be hurt. Police protection will have to be stepped up, all on the money of the taxpayers.

This editorial may seem against one of the basic creeds this country is built on. America is supposed to be a place for the tired, poor, huddled masses yearning to breathe free. But the shah is not one of these people.

We do not condone the acceptance of this man who has made millions of dollars off of people he has oppressed for 26 years. Not while tired and poor immigrants or "illegal aliens" face deportation everyday.

Apparently this is not the land of golden opportunity. Unless you bring the gold with you.

Gun control favored

Editorial

Yesterday when I was driving along I happened to notice a new bumper sticker. On either side of it were pictured two revolvers pointing back at me, and in the middle it said, "If you want my guns, come and get them." After recent events at Cal Poly, I am more firmly a believer in handgun control than ever, but I was slightly wary of asking the occupants of the car in front of me why their handguns mean so much to them.

When I think of handguns and handgun control I am not thinking of target pistols which can be used for sport. Rather I am concerned with the handgun which can be easily hidden in someone's pocket, that is only accurate at very close range and is basically designed for the purpose of shooting people. Most of them have enough power to stop an elephant, and can be bought by anyone with a driver's license that is of age and doesn't have a criminal record.

"I've heard before the argument that, 'It's not handguns that kill people, but people who kill people,' or more accurately people who own handguns kill people. But if we're going to sell guns which are solely designed for killing other people, why don't we legalize other weapons too? Like handgrenades for instance.

Who knows, maybe they could be used for fishing. Just toss one in the pond and collect the fish that fly up onto the shore. In that sense they would be more useful than handguns. And if someone should happen to throw one into a crowd somewhere, we could defend our right to have handgrenades by saying, "It's not handgrenades that kill people, but people who kill people."

I guess my big complaint is why do we make it so easy for somebody to blow somebody else's brains out? Before our streets were flooded with millions and millions of handguns, people would often fight out their disputes in the streets.

Today it is much easier in the heat of anger to pull out a gun and start shooting. It's a sure way to win an argument. I can sympathize with those people who are so afraid, with good reason, of all the violence in our society that they feel they need a gun for protection. But if we could just demand that our congressman ignore the powerful gun lobby and change our attitude about the right to have arms, maybe we could make it more difficult for the killers in our society to be so successful.

Phil Dunn & Kathy Silva

Cotton-mouth fever

Editorial

I am astounded by the mentality conveyed in *Heuriching for a Brew*, in Jan. 17 issue of

our school paper. I hope this isn't the image the author conveys every time he or she expresses an opinion on something as earthshaking as cotton mouth on a Saturday night.

I too, have been known to enjoy a cold aler on any given night. However, to judge the success of a night by one's ability to acquire a "cold aler" at 11:50 p.m. is very sad.

In the future, to avoid wasted nights, may I suggest an early bedtime. Then, you can easily purchase cases of brew at 7 a.m. when the market on Foothill and Tawajara opens.

Tom Martin

No "Clean Sweep" here

Editorial

In regard to the picture entitled "Clean Sweep" (January 19). It reminds me of the joke about how it takes five men to make popcorn: four men to shake the stove and one to hold the popcorn pan.

I have watched these groundmen at "work." I have been at Cal Poly for four years. Since I drive from Cayucos, I spend many hours studying in the parking lot between classes. On one occasion I watched one of Poly's groundmen take an hour to chew a piece of gum, smoke a cigarette, talk to passers-by and clip a grand total of no more than five twigs off a bush.

I am not accusing all of these workers of being so wasteful, but it certainly does not surprise me that the personnel salary is by far the most costly factor in overall expense of maintaining the grounds. If professional gardening services had employees that utilized time as efficiently as Cal Poly's groundmen, they would go broke!

Ingrid K. Warren

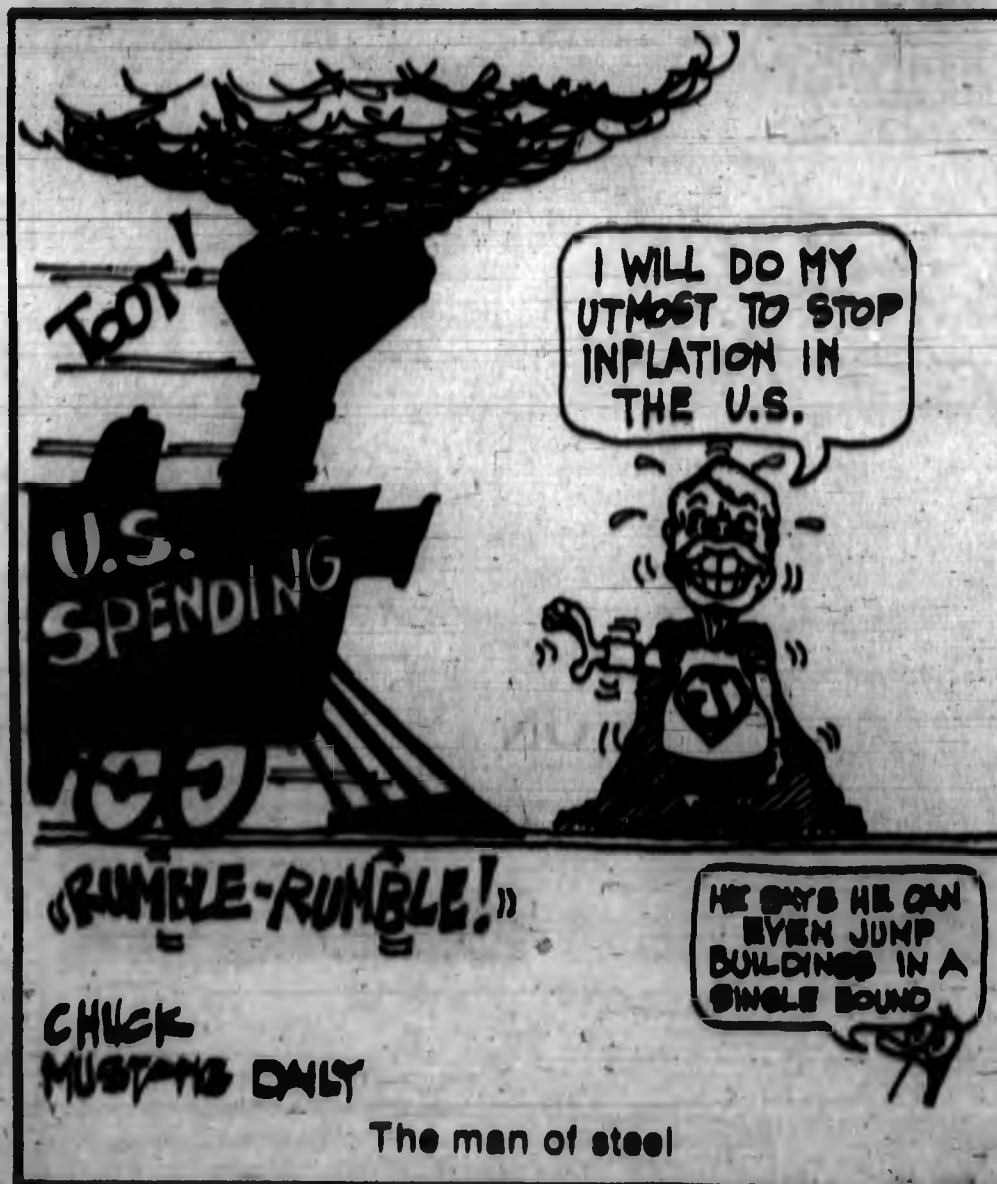
To catch a thief

Editorial

Last week, someone who was quite possibly a member of the intellectual elite stole the light bracket from my handle bars. I have a disability, hence must ride my bike several miles from house to campus. My problem is this: If I drive to school each day I begin to believe that God created oil companies.

Because teaching and administrative assignments often span from morning gloom to bleakness of light, I had long ago determined it irresponsible, not to mention illegal, to ride without a proper light. So, while I congratulate my bike-riding assistant from joining the one percent of cyclists who operate legal equipment, I do wish this person a bad case of President Carter's ailment and hope the bird of paradise craps on him or her frayed brake cable.

Charles Quinlan



American freed from Chinese camp

PLAINFIELD Ind. (AP)—After 20 years in a Chinese labor camp, Daniel Kelly sat down Wednesday to an American lunch of homemade beef stew and carry-out fried chicken. He said he wanted to find a job and build a home but that American life surprised him at every turn.

"All the way from Hong Kong, we've been impressed with the wealth and the waste," he said.

"Everything is surprising. Yesterday was surprising. Today has been surprising. Just everything is surprising," he said.

Kelly, 38-year old son of an American missionary in China, spent 20 years at hard labor there before being released last month. He arrived in the United States Tuesday with his wife, Flora, their three children and his 74-year-old mother.

His visa specifies a one-year

visit; the stated reason is for a visit to his sister, Elizabeth Peabody, in Indiana but "they (Chinese) knew that once I got out I wouldn't come back."

Kelly is an American citizen-in fact, he says, he was imprisoned for refusing to renounce that citizenship and for trying to flee China but had never before seen the United States.

Wednesday's generous meal was spread on a table in the basement of the Quaker Friends Meeting House. Kelly contrasted it with lunch in China, which he said would have been a bowl of rice, some boiled cabbage and some hot tea. Meat was rationed two pounds a month.

On Tuesday night, the Kellys had camped out in the Peabody family room, a space large enough to sleep five Chinese families, according to Mrs. Peabody. "They

just weren't used to having all that room," she said, adding that the culture shock had been even harder on their mother and on the Kelly family children than on her brother.

Nevertheless, she added, it might have been worse. "They spent a month in Hong Kong, so they've seen the television and the bright lights," she said.

Kelly said faith had helped him reach the United States, and would help him build a future for his family.

"What I want to do is put up a home and let all of us start a new life," he said, "because we'll have to start from scratch and learn from the beginning."

"I hope to do what I can do. What I need is help, for people to help me do something. The only thing I have on hand is my Chinese. I could translate or help with Kimo-

American relations. I just don't want to sit around and waste our time. I just want somebody to help me find a job or something."

Kelly said he has no preferences about where to live, but his sister wants him to stay here.

"It's family and all," Mrs. Peabody said. "Everything is so new it doesn't matter where they start. He's perfectly agreeable to anything."

Papers taken

Nowhere in a blue backpack are all the notes, materials, and rough draft of Dan Cook's masters thesis. Cook, a graduate student in biology, said his yellow Volkswagen at 1427 Beach St. was broken into Tuesday night and his backpack with his nearly completed masters thesis was taken. If Cook doesn't find the papers he will have to start over on his thesis. He is asking anyone who has information about the papers to call 543-1898 and no questions will be asked.

Newscope

UU Week

The UU Board of Governors are presenting UU Week from Jan. 29 through Feb. 3. The week will feature a gathering of organizations to celebrate the eighth anniversary of the union. There will be discount on ice cream, howling and merchandise in El Corral. There will also be a half price movie on Feb. 2 and a casino and dance night on Feb. 3.

Applications

There is a vacant student senate position in the School of Human Development and Education. Students interested in applying for the position must be enrolled in the school of Human Development and Education, have at least 12 units per quarter, and have a G.P.A. of 2.0 or better. Deadlines for applications, which can be picked up at the ASI Officers Office, is Jan. 30.

Decal contest

The Ag Council is sponsoring an Ag Decal contest. The design for the decal must include the words "Cal Poly" and "School of Agriculture and Natural Resources." The person with the winning entry will receive \$25. Entries must be turned into Agriculture 140 by Friday at 5 p.m.

New club

There will be an organizational meeting of people interested in forming a new graphic design club for Cal Poly in Graphic Arts 100 Friday at 5 p.m.

Ag dance

A western swing dance, sponsored by the Ag business Club, will be held Friday at the Vets Hall starting at 9 p.m. Dance lessons will be held for the first hour and music will be provided by Monte Mills and His Lucky Horseshoe Band. Cost is \$2.50.

EOC clinics

EOC Family Planning will be having clinics for birth control methods on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1508 Marsh St. from 2 to 7 p.m. Pregnancy testing is also available. Services are confidential, bilingual, and are available to men and women regardless of age or ability to pay. For appointments and information, persons can call 444-2478.

Sign-ups

Sign-ups for the College Bowl sponsored by the ASI Recreation and Tournaments Committee are still open. The College Bowl is a trivia and general topic game played by four person teams. Cost is \$10 per team and deadline for applications to the Activities Planning Center is Friday at 5 p.m.

Dance class

The Poly Twirlers are sponsoring new dance class for all interested students. The class meets on Thursday nights from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in the Snack Bar. For more information, Sue Tomlin can be contacted at 544-9483.

Frisbee

Cal Poly Intramural and the ASI Recreation and Tournaments Committee is sponsoring a frisbee qualifying tournament Saturday at 10 a.m. on the upper track. There will be competition in distance and accuracy throwing. The campus winner will represent Poly in regional competition at San Jose State. Cost is \$1 per person.

Car wash

The High School Equivalency Program and the Cal Poly Foundation are sponsoring a car wash at the Exxon service station on California Boulevard Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$1.50 per car.


Grateful Dead

Next week KCPR's An Hour With will expand to 90 minutes. The featured guest will be the Grateful Dead and the program will begin at 9 p.m.

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Military shuts Iran airport

TEHRAN Iran (AP) — Military leaders loyal to Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi closed the Tehran airport today and prevented the national airline from sending a plane to Paris to return religious opposition leader Ayatollah Khomeini from his nearly 15 years in exile.

But Gen. Mehdi Rihimi, military governor of Tehran, later ordered the airport reopened. No plane appeared to have left, however, and there was no explanation for the reopening of the field in what seemed like a war of nerves over the imminent

return of the shah's most persistent foe.

Earlier, the general said the airport had been closed because "opportunists" planned to disrupt operations at the facility.

He was apparently referring to Khomeini supporters who had planned to give the Boeing 747 a rousing sendoff when it departed to pick up the Moslem leader.

Military officials had said the airport, also a military facility, would remain closed through Friday, the day of Khomeini's scheduled return.

Newsline

Product liability suits worry manufacturers

SACRAMENTO (AP) — If you're injured because your automobile gas tank is in a dangerous place or because your food processor blade spins when your hand is in the bowl, you want some compensation.

But if you're the manufacturer, you don't want to be sued by someone who altered your product to make it dangerous or who bought the product 30 years ago.

Those concerns make up two sides of product liability, a growing legal and consumer issue that is the subject of eight bills in the legislative session with many more anticipated.

The Assembly Judiciary Committee, where many of last year's dozen product

liability bills died, is planning to consider all the bills together in the next few months.

This year's committee has new members and a new chairman, Assemblyman Jack Fenton D-Montebello, and the business industry people who are backing most of the bills hope they have a better chance.

One reason last year's bills got nowhere was because the legislature was awaiting the report of its Joint Committee on Tort Liability on a two-year study of the entire area of how people injured through negligence are compensated.

The committee's recommendations came out this month.

Brown says regulate wells

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Drilling of new water wells should be regulated, and government should be able to impose fees on privately drilled wells, Gov. Edmund Brown Jr.'s commission on water rights recommended Wednesday.

A coalition of business, water and agricultural groups criticized the commission's report even before it was formally made public, warning that about 700,000 acres of farm land could be taken out of production if pumping for agriculture is reduced.

Brown, who did not

specifically endorse the proposals, said it was "an imprecise report" which lays an essential foundation for conserving and allocating present water supplies and any future water developed with new dams or the controversial Peripheral Canal.

Brown also predicted a major fight over the report, which would give local and state government regulatory authority over underground water which is not currently regulated.

The report does not discuss new dams or water projects, said Brown.

SF - Oakland prices drop

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Consumers Price Index dropped 1.2 percent from October to December in the San Francisco-Oakland area, due mainly to Proposition 13, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said today.

But the decline was still 7.2 percent above last year's level.

It meant it took \$20.08 to buy the same amount \$10 would buy in 1967.

During the June-December

period of last year, the index rose .8 of a percent, the smallest six-month rise since the .6 of a percent advance recorded in the September 1966-March 1967 period.

Housing costs dipped 3.2 percent from their October 1978 level, reflecting for the most part the impact of the property tax reduction resulting from passage of Proposition 13.

'Spiritual void' spurs cults

NEW YORK (AP) — A panel of scholars says the rise of new religious cults has been common in past anxious periods of American history, and that the present-day rash of such groups seems to indicate a spiritual void in modern culture.

After a two-day conference on the subject this week, the group of about 25 university professors-sociologists, psychologists, theologians and others-declined to draw

definite conclusions about the phenomenon.

But it suggested "there is a deep hunger for some sort of spiritual meaning that is not being satisfied by contemporary society," said Marvin Breuler, a Princeton University sociologist and chairman of the meeting.

He added, however, that the trend's "singular nature is outside the immediate framework of most of our respective disciplines."

Marvin ends cross-exam

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lee Marvin's attorney ended his cross-examination of Michelle Triolo Marvin today, seeking to prove that she didn't do much housekeeping for the actor during the six years they lived together.

Miss Marvin's attorney said he would ask her about one hour of questions on re-direct and then would call Marvin to the witness stand, who will be asked to testify for the plaintiff, Miss Marvin, as a hostile

witness.

In the final moments of cross examination, attorney A. David Kagon, established that Marvin and his girlfriend lived a globe-trotting existence in which she followed him to movie locations where they lived on ocean liners or in hotels.

"These parties spent a substantial time away from home on location," Kagon told the judge, "and during these periods they had help five or six times a week."

Miss Marvin claims the actor owes her money for the services she performed as a homemaker and companion during the time they were lovers.

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BLOWIN' THE BLUES — Bluesman James Cotton brought his boogie band to Cuesta College last week

Cotton plays cold

BY JIM HENDRY

Body Entertainment Editor

Few things in life are as basic as the blues. Rising out of enslaved Southern blacks over a hundred years ago, the blues may be the only true American music form.

Few musicians scratch a living out of playing plain, straight-up, down-and-out blues anymore...the blues just don't sell albums. But for bluesman James Cotton the blues are a way of life.

Appearing at the Cuesta College Auditorium last Thursday night, James Cotton and his band literally breathed life into hundred-year-old-boogie-woogie-as Cotton had most of the sell-out crowd up and dancing before he was through.

Disregarding those dancin' fools, the concert itself was like listening to Johnny B. Goode on a thrift store stereo.

The energy, emotion and spontaneity

characteristic of most blues bands was almost completely missing from Cotton's performance. Even when most of the crowd was up and dancing in front of the stage, Cotton was cold.

The concert, a benefit for public radio KCBC, was also unfortunately plagued with sound problems. Buzzes in the PA system and a distorted piano amplifier only served to frustrate a concert-hungry Central Coast audience.

In addition, Cotton failed to perform some of his more popular songs such as "Caldonia" and "Cotton Boogie."

Drivin' boogie blues can generate great energy if harnessed right...Elvis Presley could awe audiences with "Heartbreak Hotel" and bluesman George Thorogood has been setting audiences on fire with his rock-based blues, but the Cotton band seems to have run out of gas.

Wambaugh gambles on new movie

(AP) Joseph Wambaugh, the cop-novelist turned movie maker, has disregarded the old adage, "Never put your money in show business" let the suckers do it.

Wambaugh says he is sinking all of his money into "The Onion Field," a film based on his bestselling book about the 1963 kidnapping of two Los Angeles police officers and the murder of one by a couple of smalltime hoods.

Not only that, Wambaugh has even donated the sweater off his back. When a visitor dropped by the "Onion Field" set at General Service studio, Wambaugh was sweaterless on the drafty Stage 2.

"We're shooting a poker scene," he explained, "and some of the actors weren't dressed as cops would be. So I loaned one of them my sweater."

Wambaugh was ever present on the movie set, conferring with director Harold Becker, advising actors John Savage and James Woods, keeping the show moving. "If the picture goes over budget, it comes out of my pocket."

He is financing "The Onion Field" with a little help from his friends. Contributing to the \$2.4-million production cost have been 30 private investors, including doctors, teachers, businessmen, a steelworker and a retired policeman. Wambaugh also donated his services as executive producer and screenwriter, as well as the rights to "The Onion Field," which he bought back from

Columbia Pictures after a legal wrangle.

The motivation for his highly independent venture is his dislike for how his books have been dramatized.

"I thought 'The New Centurions' was made strictly as an exploitation picture; I found it valueless except for a couple of performances. George C. Scott and Scott Wilson. Everybody knows how I feel about what Robert Aldrich did to 'The Choirboys'; it was garbage.

"The Blue Night," both the TV movie with William Holden and the series with George Kennedy, was okay for television. But I prefer that by saying 'for television.'"

He has sworn for the decision makers of Hollywood: "They have no idea of what makes a good movie. The only thing they know how to do is pay big money for name stars; and get some kind of gimmick like a disaster movie. They have no idea of what makes a script work."

"I do. I know about plot character and dialogue. And I know that you can't make a good movie out of a bad script. It's hard to make a bad movie out of a good script."

Being his own boss, Wambaugh can enjoy the author's dream: Bringing his book to the screen exactly as he envisioned it.

"I am changing nothing in 'The Onion Field.' Writing the script was simply a matter of selecting and deleting, since the book is too long to film in its entirety. Unlike other adaptations, those who read the book will see it on the

screen."

"The Onion Field" is almost a suicide to the onetime L.A.P.D. detective who attended night school to learn the literary craft. He has spent 14-hour days on the eight-week shooting, which has included night work in a Reagan onion field duplicating the one where one of the policemen was murdered.

What has Wambaugh learned as new film maker?

"That films could be made much more cheaply than they are. My producer, Walter Coblenz 'All The President's Men,' says that this picture would cost \$5 million if it was made by a major studio.

"We haven't stunted on anything. The other night we 'owned' Broadway between

Fifth and Seventh in downtown L.A. It was completely roped off for us, and we had 60 1963 cars and 125 extras. We shot a funeral scene with 200 policemen, and they cost \$11 an hour. Next week we're going to Las Vegas for scenes of when the hoods bought a car."

Wambaugh has told his fellow investors that they will get their money back before he takes his. He doesn't intend to show "The Onion Field" to distributors until it is in shape for viewing.

"I won't sell a pig in a poke," he said. "I don't with my hooks either; I never ask for a large advance. If I believe in something, I'm willing to work on it until it's ready to show."

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One of the most popular shows on KCPR "An Hour With", aired every Monday night at 9 p.m., offers listeners one hour of uninterrupted music from one artist or group.

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Crivello optimistic about Poly netters

BY RANDY BAKER

Daily Sports Editor

Walking into coach John Crivello's office, an immediate wave of optimism hits home. "We did really well, no, we got blown out but we really did well against Santa Barbara," said the first year tennis coach of last weekend's competition.

"We jumped into a very good match," admitted Crivello. The Mustangs could only muster one match win against the Gauchos of UCSB losing eight doubles and singles matches.

Cal Poly's lone victory came from number two singles man Lyle Chamberlain who defeated Gauchos' David Heibel 6-7, 7-6, 6-3.

The Mustangs played without Ron Peet, one of their top singles and doubles players. According to Crivello, Peet has been out for the past two weeks with torn ligaments in his leg. In addition to being part of the number one doubles team,

coach Crivello said Peet could hold either the one, two or three singles positions on the club.

"Our whole goal is to win the league," added Crivello. With four members returning from last year's 19-5 squad, the Mustangs should be prepared when conference matches begin April 5, according to Crivello.

Returning from last year are Peet, Chamberlain, Ron Berryhill, and Bill Torre.

"They play because they really love the game."

The team is operating on a \$2,000 budget from the A.S.I., says Crivello. "It costs them a lot of money out of their own pockets."

Despite the difficulties in budget and the absence of a team member, Crivello remains optimistic.

"When we get enough playing time, we should be very good," finished Crivello.

With last year's coach Ken Peet helping out, the Mustangs netters should be ready.



TIP TOE TENNIS—Cal Poly's Ken Ueltzin seems to float on air during a recent practice. The freshman

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Mustang Daily—Ed Kline

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la Jim Kpanarkel.

"He's really a student of the game," Foster says of his unique guard. "He works, he concentrates, he's alert and he plays with his head."

Kpanarkel can do all of the tangible things asked of a senior basketball player. But it's a totally intangible quality that endears him to Foster.

Kpanarkel understands the way the game should be played and is among the most cerebral of college players.

"A player who spanarkels doesn't perform well in only one phase of the game," says Foster. "He does it all. He's my Mr. Do-Everything."

"Defense and team offense, that's basketball," says Kpanarkel. "I think the thing I enjoy the most is getting a steal that leads to a quick basket. Perhaps I get more satisfaction out of stealing the ball than anything else, especially when we get something from it."

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Mustangs wrestle with Runnin' Rebels tonight

The University of Nevada at Las Vegas rests its guns in San Luis Obispo tonight when they take on the Mustangs in a 7:30 p.m. match.

The Runnin' Rebels post an impressive 11-3 record this year and the competition should be heady, according to coach Vaughan Hirschcock.

"They have an excellent team and record," said Hirschcock. "It's going to be a tough match."

According to Hirschcock, Las Vegas barely lost to the University of Oklahoma this year, a team considered by many to be one of the top teams in the nation.

The Mustangs are coming into the match fresh from a trampling of the Cal State Fullerton Titans last Friday night down south. The match turned out to be one of Cal Poly's easiest matches of the year because the Titans were not able to score any team points. The match ended up Cal Poly 48, Cal State Fullerton 0.

Tonight's match, however, should be much different. For

the contest Gary Fleher or Dan Cuestas will wrestle at 118's. 126's will probably show Don LeMelle. At 134-pounds, Mustang Tom Mount wrestles while the 142-pound class and the 150-pound class may see either Glenn Cooper or Randy Fleury.

According to Hirschcock, those two wrestlers positions depend on challenge matches. But at 158's, Robert Kiddy should be in top form for the match. Completing the lineup

will be Billy Fitzgibbons at 158's, Scott Heaton at 167's, Rick Worrel probably at 177's, Joe Davis at 190's, and David Jack at the Heavy weight position.

Tonight's competition will be the last for the Mustang matmen in San Luis Obispo until February 8 when they return for a home match against San Jose State. Tomorrow, the Mustangs start a four match road trip that will last until next Monday.

Frisbee competition

Frisbee's the name of the game once again for Cal Poly flingers. Saturday, the A.S.I. Recreation and Tournaments Committee will sponsor a frisbee contest at 10 a.m.

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